

IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Ex-Premier Gladstone's contemplated visit to America.

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Special Cablegram to the Post-Dispatch.
London, August 11.—In regard to Gladstone's proposed visit to the United States, I can now confirm what I cabled last Saturday, and add that arrangements were definitely made for Gladstone to sail for America this week, in company with a well-known American millionaire, who is interested in English politics and acquainted with many English politicians. The plan was abandoned because Sir Andrew Clark absolutely forbade the voyage at the last moment. I have reason to believe that Gladstone's visit to America is by no means an impossibility.

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Dr. Felix Simon, who, in concurrence with Dr. Clark, is treating Gladstone's throat in a new and special manner, pronounces the affection entirely local and not a very serious one. Gladstone is not a very good talker, Dr. Clark specially feared the effect of anasthetics. There is still ground for anxiety on this account, as it blew heavily from the southwest soon after the yacht Sunbeam sailed last evening, and it is now blowing a gale. I can repeat confidently that no plans or engagements, political or otherwise, have been made yet by Gladstone. All depends on the results of his health on the present trip.

RUSKIN'S ILLNESS.
Mr. Ruskin's illness is of a cerebral nature, caused originally by cutting his leg while felling a tree at Brantwood, I believe, he is very ill.

DILLON'S COMMITTEE.
Dillon's committee has postponed its decision in order to consult the leaders of the party. In the meantime the Conservatives have caused Dillie to be placarded with bills bearing on the Seventh Amendment, without comment. This is a specimen of the Tory alliance of politics.

THE DEPRESSION OF TRADE.
The Royal Commission on the depression of trade is in a bad way. The Conservatives are extremely indignant because in Salisbury's words he is boycotted by the Liberals. The Board of Trade cannot get a single first-rate Liberal financier or economist to serve. The trade and shipping interests will be fairly represented by outsiders. The Tories say it is unprecedented and unpatriotic for members to decline to serve on the Royal Commission. The Liberals reply that to put only two or three free traders on the commission out of twenty persons, when free trade is the orthodox and irrevocable policy of England, is ridiculous. The Radicals say the Tories might as well ask men to join a commission to determine whether a man is better with or without teeth on his legs. The truth is the plan is a failure.

A PARTY DODGE.
A sop to be thrown from the Conservative platform to mislead the workmen. All the possible facts are already known by the Board of Trade. Even the Standard denounces the scheme.

THE QUEEN'S COUNCIL. meet at Osborne to-morrow to prepare an address on the prorogation of Parliament. The latter will probably take place on Friday.

Russia.
SUPERVISING THE AFFAIRS OF GERMAN MERCHANTS.
BRUSSEL, August 11.—The Russian Minister of Finance has prepared a measure enacting a close government supervision of the affairs of all German firms carrying on manufacturing business within the Caspian Sea. The bill will require that all the correspondence, both private and general, of these firms, shall be submitted to Russian officials. The result of the enforcement of the measure will be to expose German manufacturing firms carrying on business in Russia, to having their affairs known and made use of by dishonest Russian Bureaucrats.

The Russo-Afghan Trouble.
ATTITUDE OF THE AFGHANS.
LONDON, August 11.—The Times publishes a letter from Meshed Zash, in which it is stated that the Afghans are acting in such a way as to give the Russians no possible excuse to make any attack. The writer says the Afghans do not pass the frontier which Russia admits is Afghan; that they refrain from moving their troops toward the Russian positions and even from strengthening their own outposts. The letter also says that the excitement among the Turcomans, which was recently attributed by an English writer to the alleged brutality of the Russian soldiers to the native women, is really due to the warlike preparations which Russia is making through Turcoman territory.

France.
DEADLY WORK OF A BOMBHELL.
PARIS, August 11.—Four French soldiers were crossing a field at Fontainebleau to-day, found a bombshell. They attempted to unload it. It burst and the fragments cut two of the men to pieces and tore the arm off another. The fourth soldier escaped unharmed.

England.
CARDINAL MANNING'S PASTORAL LETTER.
LONDON, August 11.—Cardinal Manning is about to issue a pastoral letter on the subject of the criminal bill.

THE WABASH REORGANIZATION.
The Wabash committee have issued an elaborate scheme of reorganization for the approval of the shareholders. The committee express regret that they are unable to present a more satisfactory report, but they say that unless an united and determined effort be made to save the property, it will fall to pieces. Mr. Reid, in his report to the English holders of Wabash securities, after referring to the extremely critical condition of Wabash affairs, says he thinks that if the main system can be held together and relieved of debt, the exercise of prudence and economy in the management may result in the payment of dividends.

ANECDOTES OF GEN. GRANT.
The Daily News this morning prints two columns of anecdotes from its Paris correspondent about Gen. Grant. The matter is all creditable to the General.

A BANQUET TO PARVILL.
The Irish Home Rule members of Parliament have arranged to give a grand banquet to Mr. Parvill in the city of Dublin, on August 14, to celebrate the recent parliamentary triumph of the Irish party.

LORD HORTON DEAD.
Lord Houghton, the poet and critic, is dead. He was born June 19, 1800.

The Cholera.
AMALGAMATED DOCTORS.
MADRID, August 11.—Relatives of cholera patients in many of the Spanish provinces demand the doctors in the belief that they poison their patients. The Archbishop of Seville died of cholera yesterday.

NEW CASES AND DEATHS.
Three thousand five hundred and ten cases of cholera and 1,200 deaths from the disease were reported throughout Spain yesterday. These statistics, however, do not cover the whole truth about the prevalence of the scourge, as they are not complete. Cholera has made its appearance in

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The change in the channel at Gaber's left a broad sandbar in front of the little town of Newport, opposite North St. Louis.

The Pittsburgh is the Diamond J steamer for St. Paul and will leave at 4 p. m. tomorrow from the foot of Washington avenue.

The Hudson brought in 2,000 sacks new wheat, at Heben, Ill., the Hudson picked up a steer 10 or 12 years of age, 4 feet 3 inches in height. The steer was buried at Hudson.

The steamboat Pennsylvania placed her boilers at Harrison Landing, first exploded before the boat was started, and then exploded again, killing among others Pilot Billy Brown, who was at the wheel. The boat was taken up by the United States Custom House men, reads: 4th of February, 1886. The above has been under discussion for several days and the Customs looks bad to be consulted.

Weather Bulletin.
WAR DEPARTMENT,
SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. ARMY,
WASHINGTON, APRIL 11, 1893.
The following observations are taken at 7 a. m., 7 p. m., and meridian time.

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., August 12, 1888.			
STATIONS.	Above low Beach-Mark.	Fall.	Rise.
St. Louis,	1.78 ft.	0.3 ft.	
St. Charles,	12.00 " "	0.1 ft.	0.00 "
St. Louis,	15.3 ft.	0.1 ft.	0.00 "
St. Louis,	6.3 ft.	0.1 ft.	0.00 "
St. Louis,	1.4 ft.	0.0 ft.	0.00 "

Indications.

At WASHINGTON, D. C., August 11.—For the West Gulf Division.—Local rains; variable winds, slight rise in temperature; heavy stationary weather. For the Upper Mississippi Division.—Local rains; variable winds, slight rise in temperature; heavy stationary weather. For the Lower Lake Region.—Local rains; variable winds, heavy stationary weather. For the Upper Mississippi Valley.—Local rains; southerly winds; coming variable; slight rise followed by a slight fall in temperature. For the Middle Mississippi Division.—Local rains followed by fair weather; variable winds; heavy stationary weather. For the Lower Mississippi Division.—Local rains followed by fair weather; variable winds; heavy stationary weather. The rivers remain nearly stationary.

LOURDEVILLE, Ky., August 11.—Noon—The river is

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